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For: **SILANE COATINGS FOR METAL**

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first action by the Examiner, please amend the present continuation application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

- Sub D1
1. (Amended) A method of treating a metal surface, comprising the steps of:
(a) providing a metal surface, said metal surface chosen from the group consisting of:
- a metal surface having a zinc-containing coating;
- zinc; and
- zinc alloy;
and